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MAGNIFICENT 7

DISBELIEF: Buckingham Palace bound Joan Martin from Hardingstone still can't believe that she has been given an honour

Seven county people chosen for honours

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Seven people from Northamptonshire are on the New Year Honours list.

Among the chosen ones is Joan Martin, a 77-year-old chair governor at Northampton School for Girls.

She is receiving an MBE for her services to education.

Ms Martin said: "It feels amazing. I cannot believe it. I keep thinking I will wake up in a minute and it will all not be true."

Michael Griffiths, headmaster of Northampton School for Boys, is being given a knighthood for services to Education.

Martin Izzard is getting a BEM for his services to golf. Carrol Burden is being given an MBE for services to customers and the economy.

The Order of the Bath is being given to Stephen Rimmer for services to Criminal Justice.

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Full story on page 16/17.

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Danny Walters starred in Jack and the Beanstalk at The Deco Theatre

What song makes you cry?

Unchained Melody

What three words describe you best?

Cheeky, chappy, Essex

What is your most treasured possession?

My PlayStation console

What song uplifts your spirits?

Anything with a good beat, which you can get down to

What is your favourite sandwich?

Any sandwich, with BBQ sauce

What is your favourite noise?

A fart

What is your favourite spot in the world?

Florida!

What is one thing you must have to make Christmas special?

Charades

Editor's Letter

My moaning gets the kids in a party mood at New Year

Ah, it's the New Year, that time when grumpy old men like me grimace out the window and mouth 'Go away' at the world.

I'm a great disappointment to my kids at this time of year.

New Year's Eve itself exposes me as a real moaner, refusing to go out and paint the town red while the children are seeing footage of the whole world partying their pants off.

"That doesn't count, they're Australians," I explain to the youngsters as they wave at TV screens of antipodean revellers, telling me I should be doing the same.

"They do that all the time."

Let's get real. New Year is just a date. I stopped feeling obliged to party on down when pubs started charging people to get in on New Year's Eve.

Fair enough if there is some kind of entertainment but a lot of the time pubs were charging people to stand shoulder to shoulder with strangers, spending most of the night queueing for very expensive drinks and then spilling them on the way back to talk to people you cannot hear because the music is so loud. Things might be different now but it really put me off back in the day.

> Why should I pretend to enjoy all that and spend a day recovering from it

Why should I pretend to enjoy all that and then need to spend the whole following day recovering from it?

The ancient winter solstice feasts and festivals were a way of encouraging the sun to come back and to get spring started – a vital part of any primitive culture.

What part of our modern day primitive culture is served by the hellish endurance test of New Years Eve out on the town?

Is it really so important to us to annoy policemen and contaminate the streets with regurgitated fast food and booze?

I'm sure there are pubs, clubs and people doing it better than that but there are few people who would not recognise the kind of night I am talking about.

My kids wouldn't recognise it, I suppose, because they have not done it yet and I'm sure they will – after all who wouldn't want to party hard with a grumpy old dad like me?

Happy New Year teynsfolk.

Steve Scoles

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Man robs bank

A man threatened staff with a knife and stole a quantity of cash in an armed bank robbery on Monday.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident which took place just before 5pm at Santander on Mercers Row.

Slaughtered

Thieves slaughtered and stole the carcasses of six pigs on Sunday.

Police are appealing for anybody who witnessed this on the Greens Norton side of Towcester between Sunday and Monday to come forward.

January sale

A Rushden pub is staging a January sale with a difference from today.

The Railway Inn in Rushden has reduced the price on a range of drinks and meals for three weeks.

Baby names

Jack and Amelia are the number one names given to babies in Northampton in 2013, a survey reveals.

Compiled by Bounty Parenting Club, it also shows Daisy is among names given to baby girls in the town.

Death of priest

A former Kettering priest has been found dead in Morrison's car park in Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire.

Father Joseph Williams is thought to have died suddenly of natural causes on December 27.

BACK TOGETHER: The family lost contact but are now reunited after two decades

Reunited after 22 years apart

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A family has been reunited after 22 years apart.

Jean Moore, 82, of Westlands care home, was introduced to her sister-in-law Anne and nephew Paul in a surprise visit on Monday morning.

Jean had no idea what had been going on, and was so surprised that she didn't even recognise her nephew at first.

Jean said: "At first when Paul walked into the room, I thought 'who the heck are you?!', but then it all came back to me.

"It was very nice seeing them both."

The whole thing was set up by the care home's activities coordinator Daniel Ames.

He was inspired earlier on in the year by the ITV programme Surprise Surprise, and so he decided to go ahead with the idea of reuniting some of the residents at the home with their loved ones.

In November, he chose to start with Jean by posting a message on the 'Wellingborough Now and Then' Facebook page, asking if anybody knew her.

Nephew Paul saw this message and from there, with his mum, it took just a month until they were finally re-united.

Daniel said: "I was made up inside when I saw them all together.

"I don't want to take all the credit. Of course I started it all off, but I like to see it as something for the residents."

Surprise Surprise is a television show which surprises ordinary people - who have exceptional real life stories - with rewards such as their long-held wishes.

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Were you blown away by your Christmas?

The weather has been right at the centre of our concerns over the festive season, Nicholas Bieber looks for storms on the horizon . . .

I am afraid to say, looking on the horizon, the new year is set to start as this one finishes - wind and rain.

The big day was set to see strong winds of up to 50mph sweep the country as rain continues to fall.

It follows a similar pattern over the Christmas period, where the county was lashed by violent winds of up to 70mph, which sent trees tumbling over and caused havoc for public transport.

For the UK, the devastating impact was even more terrifying.

Floods ruined not just people's Christmases, but also their homes and businesses along the south coast.

The south east of England was hit by power cuts, with tens of thousands of homes in north Wales and Cumbria left without power.

And to date, at least five people in the country have been reported to be killed as a result of the storms.

So it's fair to say it had been a miserable Christmas on the weather front, but unfortunately it's set to continue.

On Sunday night, it all went downhill again after a calmer weekend as another active front sweeped the county.

We gusted to 46mph on Monday morning despite mild temperatures with highs of 10c.

On New Years Eve we saw more wind and rain arrive in the morning followed by a drier and brighter afternoon.

Herald & Post's weather correspondent, Jamie Dunlop, said: "It stays windy today and tomorrow with a few passing showers in the county."

"There are still no signs of any snow or wintry conditions on the horizon."

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What's coming up in the year ahead? Here are a few of our ideas, why not share yours with us?

1 NORTHAMPTON SAINTS CROWNED CHAMPIONS IN THE AVIVA PREMIERSHIP – they came so close last year it's not too far fetched to imagine everything falling into place this year, especially since few sides can live with Saints at their best.

2 DAVID WILLEY BECOMES ENGLAND'S NEXT ICONIC CRICKETING ALL ROUNDER – he was a talisman for the Steelbacks in their promotion season and England could really do with one of those now. 2014 must be his breakthrough year.

3 SEE WHAT DEVELOPS – get used to the sight of diggers and scaffolding around Northampton because it's all happening, new bus station, new railway station, new university buildings, innovation centre...

4 THE CULTURAL QUARTER LIFTS OFF - Northampton's artistic and theatrical community are making the area around Royal and Derngate their own. The NN Cafe, Looking Glass Theatre's studios and the Errol Flynn Cinema are just the start...

5 NEW LOOK GROSVENOR CENTRE – of course this is the silly one at the end but who knows what could happen once things start happening in other areas? Legal and General have promised a spruce up. ..

Value of average wage has fallen

BY STEVE SCOLES
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The real value of average wages in the county has dropped by a fifth in the past five years.

The news comes as the director general of the CBI, John Cridland, called on businesses to raise the wages of the lowest paid.

In his New Year message Mr Cridland said despite economic growth, there were "still far too many people stuck in minimum wage jobs without routes to progression, and that's a serious challenge that businesses and the government must address."

It is an unusual message from the CBI which lobbies on behalf of Britain's businesses.

But Mr Cridland is concerned that the benefits of economic recovery are not filtering down to all levels of society because pay at the bottom is too low.

Figures published by the Office of National Statistics show that in 2008 the average wage in Northamptonshire was £27,229 but by £2013 it had dropped to £26,669, a fall of 19.9 per cent. It still stands up well against the average wage in the East Midlands which is £24,949.

The average national wage for 2013 is £27,174.

Northampton South MP Brian Binley said: "First of all you have got to earn money before you pay it out. That is one of the lessons the Labour Government never learned. If you have not got the money you cannot spend it.

"We have a lot of people starting businesses in Northampton and when you work for yourself you pay yourself less at first."

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She's big in America

Rushden doggie hair stylist wins

Millions watched Rushden's Sue Eld-Weaver snip, comb and spray her way to a US dog grooming award with her geisha themed makeover for her poodle Dobby.

Sue was the focus of the Channel Four documentary Doggystyling which aired on Monday night. She beat off a number of spectacularly groomed opposition dogs, including one themed as the Simpsons.

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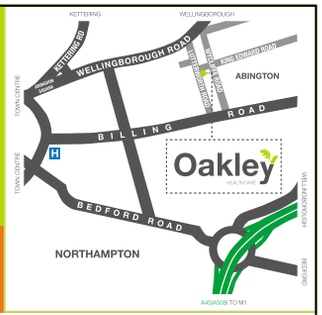

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Library youth co-ordinator is a Literacy Hero

Northamptonshire County Council's youth programme co-ordinator for the library service Ruth Gasson has been announced as one of ten Literacy Heroes across the United Kingdom.

Literacy Heroes is a new initiative set up by the National Literacy Trust to celebrate their 20th year of working to improve literacy skills. The Trust was looking for people who have overcome their own problems with reading or writing or helped to inspire others to improve their literacy skills.

The Duchess of Cornwall, the patron of the Literacy Trust, announced the Literacy Heroes at a special reception at Clarence House on December 4. Other Literacy Heroes include Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling and Happy Days star Henry Winker, who is also dyslexic and has written books about a schoolboy struggling with learning difficulties.

Ruth, one of ten people selected, was awarded for overcoming her own problems with dyslexia and the work she has done to improve literacy in children and young people.

She said: "It was a real surprise to find out I had won, I'd had a couple of missed calls from a London number which I'd just put down to someone trying to sell me something. Then when they called again and I answered I just didn't believe it. I'm normally really confident and love doing things for others but when the focus is on me and things I've done I feel quite shy and embarrassed.

"I went to Clarence House to receive my award, which was an amazing experience, as well as chatting to and receiving my award from Camilla I met Henry Winkler, the Fonz my childhood hero!"

She joined the library service in 2010, becoming the youth librarian for Northamptonshire where she has led a number of projects and initiatives, with particular focus on the Excluded or Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). Having been excluded from school herself, Gasson uses her own life experiences to communicate with young people and engages them with literacy through spoken word.

Her work has included running workshops with children and young people in schools and libraries, setting up creative writing groups and creating the young adult arts groups model, where libraries recruit volunteers to run regular groups for young people.

Deaf actor Alex signs onto C4

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A deaf actor from Northampton is delighted after appearing on Channel 4 as a TV announcer.

Alex Nowak, 21, of Moulton, appeared on the channel four times to announce shows using British Sign Language (BSL) such as Alan Carr Chatty Man and Hollyoaks.

It was part of the channel's Alternative Voices project, giving a platform to five people with communication difficulties to introduce some of the channel's biggest shows, and to therefore 'normalise the presence of disabled people on TV'.

Alex secured the opportunity when he was contacted by a producer. He then had a successful interview before taking on hours of rehearsals.

He said: "The whole experience was a fantastic one. The staff I worked with were lovely and truly looked after me.

"The feedback I've had on social networking sites and from the general public has been extremely positive. I really hope that Alternative "Voices has raised, and will continue to raise, special needs awareness and challenge a lot of people's misconceptions towards impaired individuals. And to give people who would not normally have the opportunity, a voice."

The actor doesn't just use BSL in his film and TV appearances, but he is also able to use speech.

Alex worked alongside five other announcers during his time at Channel 4 and was mentored by Barra, a continuity announcer on Channel 4, to improve his scripting and presentation skills.

TREMENDOUS: Alex thoroughly enjoyed his once-in-a-lifetime experience at Channel 4

Alex added: "In the training process there was a mixture of individuals including Channel 4 professionals, two people with Tourette's, one guy with a stammer, a girl with cerebral palsy using an electronic device to speak and myself, a deaf person, with three lip speakers... I mean, talk about diversity!

"It was a tremendous experience. That's what I love about Channel 4 - they're very open to taking risks."

Besides acting, Alex has also been involved in projects promoting the use of BSL. Some include teaching EastEnders actress Lorna Fitzgerald how to sign and being the Young Deaffest Ambassador at UK's Deaffest Film Festival.

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Failed robbery attempt on xmas eve

A masked man attempted to rob a 22-year-old who was walking along Powell Lane in Barton Seagrave on Christmas Eve.

Between 7am and 7.30am on Christmas Eve a 22-year-old man walking along Polwell Lane, near the A14 bridge, was approached by a man on a bicycle who grabbed his bag, pulled it over his head and demanded: "Give me your bag."

He managed to pull the bag back, the man then grabbed him by his jacket, he pulled free and the man cycled off towards Burton Latimer Industrial Estate.

A spokesperson for Northamptonshire Police said: "The offender is described as 5ft 8in, medium build, with a local accent and wearing a dark blue of black fleece and a neck warmer covering the bottom half of his face.

"He was also wearing dark coloured trousers with side pockets, black steel capped boots and had a rose gold coloured plain band on his wedding ring finger. He was riding a dark coloured mountain bike with writing across the A frame and thick off-road tyres."

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HUMBLE: The White Horse pub in Silverstone is giving its full support to Schumi as he fights for life

Silverstone pub roots for Schumi

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Regulars at a Silverstone pub are rooting for Michael Schumacher who is in a coma after a skiing accident on Sunday left him fighting for his life.

The former motor racing champion was skiing with his son on Sunday at Grenoble when the accident happened at the resort of Meribel at the French Alps.

Les Adams, a tennent of The White Horse pub in Silvestone, said: "The amount of people at the pub wishing him well is untrue.

"We have got our own Facebook page and we have posted a message wishing him well."

The post reads: "Wishing Michael Schumacher all the best after sustaining a 'serious head injury' whilst skiing."

Les added: "He was just doing something for pleasure - skiing - a hobby, and it ends up like that.

"When he is out with his son and this sort of thing happens, it just beggars belief."

Les, 56, who has been at the pub for 13 years, briefly met Michael on the Silverstone track in 2003 when he gained a pit pass from a TV production team who had been visiting the pub.

Recalling the moments he saw Michael, Les said: "He was leaving his motorhome and smiled and said 'hi' as he walked past me.

"That memory was alright - ironically I wasn't a massive Shumacher fan as such. But him smiling and saying hi to me made me become one!"

Schumacher has many links to Northamptonshire.

In 1999, the seven-time F1 champion was airlifted to Northampton hospital when he crashed at the high-speed Stowe Corner at Silverstone.

His Ferrari's rear brake failed, sending him off the track and he suffered a broken leg.

He later retired at the end of the 2006 season before returning in 2010 at Brackley based Mercedes.

But after a three-season comeback, Schumacher retired from F1 for the final time in 2012.

Schumacher, who turns 45 on January 3, also raced for Jordan and Benetton, winning the last of his world titles in 2004.

He won two with Benetton in 1994 and 1995 before moving to Ferrari and winning five in a row from 2000.

The German has 91 career wins.

His return to the sport with Northamptonshire based Mercedes after a spell in retirement was less successful.

It came after a serious motorcycling accident in February 2009 when he suffered neck and spine injuries during testing at a circuit in Cartagena, Spain.

Schumacher recovered sufficiently from those injuries to make a comeback, but he managed just one podium finish in his three years with the team and a best end-of-season placing of eighth in 2011.

See updates online
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Victim wrestled for bag

A woman who was pulled to the ground and robbed of her handbag has suffered a broken shoulder as a result of the attack.

The incident took place last Thursday between midnight and 12.10am where the woman was walking along Marlborough Road when an offender grabbed her handbag from behind and tried to wrestle it from her.

The victim was forced to the ground and her handbag stolen.

A black leather look BHS bag and a purple Debenhams purse were also stolen.

Northants Police officers are keen to speak with two women who later helped the victim and walked her home.

Robbers broke jaw

Police are appealing for witnesses following a robbery in Northampton at Miller's Meadow between 1.30am and 2.30am on the morning of Monday December 2.

A man was walking from Kings Heath across the pocket park known as Miller's Meadow when he was robbed and assaulted by two men. As a result he sustained a fractured jaw and cuts to his face and head which required several days treatment in hospital.

The offenders are described as white, possibly Eastern European, both in their twenties. One is described as having blonde curly hair, 5'8'' with a very slim build. The other is described as 5'4'' with a stocky build.

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Alistair Fruish, an author and writer-in-residence in a B-cat local prison, never leaves the house without a pencil.
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To find out more about Alistair and his unique job, visit our website at: www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

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A collection of popular hashtags in Northampton on Twitter every week.
This week we chose #NorthamptonHonours

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Congratulations to @ASCL_UK Immediate Past President Mike Griffiths on his knighthood.

Nick Warner @nickjasonwarner

Congratulations Sir Michael..headteacher of NSB knighted in New Year's Honours - very proud to have served under you!

England Golf @EnglandGolf

Congrats to Northants Golf Partnership's Martin Izzard, awarded BEM in New Year Honours.

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Congratulations to Stephen Rimmer, recently Director General of Crime & Policing Group, Home Office, on his Companion of the Order of Bath.

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Herald &Post MUGSHOT

WNDC Chief Executive Peter Mawson has plenty to do overseeing the development plans for Northampton and the west of the county. And even though the WNDC is now winding down Mr Mawson still values a bit of time relaxing with a free local paper catching up on some news and features. Take a snap of yourself reading your Herald and Post somewhere unusual and we will feature it here. Email: news@hpnorthants.co.uk

Your Herald &Post Letters

New Year's message from Council Leader

This time of year it is good to reflect on the last twelve months and look forward to the coming year.
2013 started with our town being recognised as making the best recovery from the recession. Taking that positive message we have continued to go from strength to strength, supporting local people and local businesses. Through Northampton Alive we have seen local businesses thrive.

Church's and Cosworth both announced plans to expand creating almost 500 new jobs, while Carlsberg completed a new £20m bottling facility. There has also been a great deal of activity with cranes and construction work transforming abandoned or out of date facilities into modern buildings.
At the same time Love Northampton has been celebrating a year of fantastic events. Alive @ Delapre saw three nights of live performances from some of the biggest names in music. And our new Cultural Quarter is already showing how different groups and organisations are all pulling together to enhance what is on offer to visitors all year.
Our sporting teams really put Northampton on the map. The Saints and Cobblers both doing the town proud by reaching finals and just missing out on silverware. While the Steelbacks won promotion and the T20 trophy. And, there is more to come in the new year.
In just a couple of months we will all breathe a sigh of relief that the first impression visitors have of our town isn't Greyfriars.
North Gate bus station will give bus users a bright, clean and modern facility in the heart of our town centre. And later in the year the much needed redevelopment work on our railway station will be complete.
Building on last year's successes on the pitch, the expansion plans of both Franklin's Gardens and Sixfields Stadium are set to move forward. This will give both clubs the opportunity to increase their income as well as boosting our local economy with more people coming to Northampton on match days.
Our Enterprise Zone is also set for another successful year. Plans for the new state of the art University of Northampton campus will build closer relations with our business community and bring more students into our town centre. And with new links to India, China and beyond, we are putting our town on the map as a place to do business.
And with Alive @ Delapre, the Beer Festival, Waterfront Festival and more, there will be lots to see and get excited about next year.
2014 is also an important year of celebration and remembrance for our town, and we will be marking a number of important anniversaries that will tell the story of Northampton and the role we have had in shaping nationally important events.
With so much going on I would like to invite you to look at www.northamptonez.co.uk/alive and www.lovenorthampton.co.uk to find out more about what we have achieved and why Northampton is an exciting place to live, work and visit .
Our town has a bright future and I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2014.

Councillor David Mackintosh
Leader of Northampton Borough Council

Urge for donations

Just before Christmas at a time that many of us are spending time with our families and loved ones, I spent a few days in the Philippines seeing the work that UNICEF is doing to help children and their families affected by Typhoon Haiyan.
It's now almost six weeks since the Typhoon ripped through parts of the Philippines. Homes, schools and hospitals were flattened, and lives were turned upside down.
Whenever I have visited communities affected by natural disasters, I am always struck by people's spirit and ability to carry on with life.
I was struck by the resilient spirit of the survivors of the typhoon and their determination to rebuild their lives. But they cannot do it alone and that is why UNICEF is on the ground, and will continue to work tirelessly into the New Year.
So as you look forward to the year ahead with family and friends, I'd urge you to donate to UNICEF to allow us to continue working for children in times of disaster, With your support we can carry on providing children with a sense of hope during times of crisis. To donate, visit http://www.unicef.org.uk/UNICEFs-Work/Emergencies/Childrens-Emergency-Fund/

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New Year Honours galore

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Seven people from Northamptonshire are on the New Year Honours list.

One of them is Joan Martin, a 77-year-old chair governor at Northampton School for Girls, who receives an MBE for her services to education.

Ms Martin, of Hardingstone, said: "It feels amazing. I cannot believe it. I keep thinking I will wake up in a minute and it will all not be true.

"There are so many other people in Northamptonshire who deserve this kind of recognition and do all sorts of amazing things and are doing it for nothing.

"I love what I do, I have wanted to be a teacher ever since I went to school. I never changed my mind and I have never regretted it at all."

Ms Martin is a chair governor at Northampton School for Girls and has been since 2002. She was governor up to 1999.

At that time, the school was under-achieving and did not have a good reputation.

The Cabinet Office announcement said: "Ms Martin engineered a progressive programme to reverse this downward spiral and her drive, enthusiasm and sheer hard work has ensured that the school has now moved into the top 100 performing schools in terms of the progress made between Key Stage 2 results and GCSE."

Another person in the county receiving an honour is Martin Izzard, a 58-year-old member of the Northamptonshire County Golf Partnership, who receives a BEM for his services to golf through the Northamptonshire County Golf Partnership.

Mr Izzard, of Rushden, said: "I am actually quite stunned by the whole thing. It is just a great reward for not just myself but for so many people in the county who put a massive amount of work in taking county golf forward."

The Cabinet Office announcement said: "He

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"During his tenure he was a tireless champion of youth training schemes, and other many new ventures."

In other honours in Northamptonshire, a knighthood is being given to Michael Griffiths, the headmaster of Northampton School for Boys and the president of the Association of School and College Leaders, for his services to Education.

An MBE is being awarded to Carrol Burden for her services to customers and the economy.

The Order of the Bath is being given to Stephen Rimmer for his services to Criminal Justice and Policing Reform.

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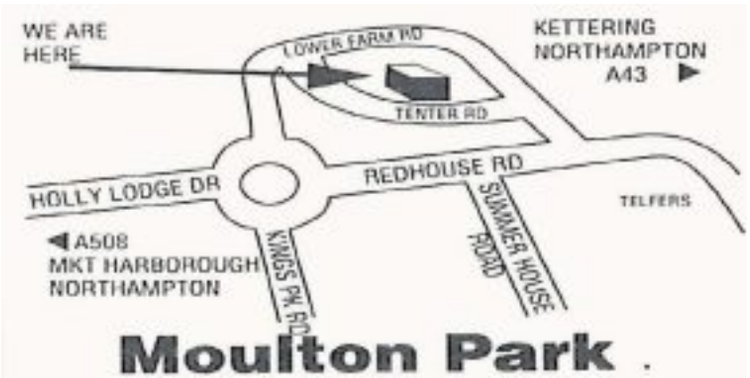

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NO LIKEY, NO LIGHTY: The team enjoyed meeting Paddy

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The team met Bolton-born Paddy, who shot to fame in Channel 4 comedy Phoenix Nights alongside friend Peter Kay, at an annual awards ceremony when he co-hosted the Slimming World Awards in November.

Stabbing in toilets prompts searches

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Half the customers using bar Momo in Northampton will be searched on their way in after two teenagers were stabbed in the toilets.

A teenager is in a stable condition after he and a friend were stabbed in the toilets of the Momo bar on Friday morning.

An 18-year-old and a 19-year-old man were stabbed with an unknown weapon in the early hours of the morning in the Northampton town centre bar.

The incident happened sometime between 2.30am and 3am.

The 19-year-old was taken to University Hospital Coventry and is in a stable condition.

The the 18-year-old required medical attention.

Northampton Borough Council has told the bar it must institute door searches.

Police want witnesses to this incident, or anyone with information, to come forward and call Northamptonshire Police on 101 - alternatively, information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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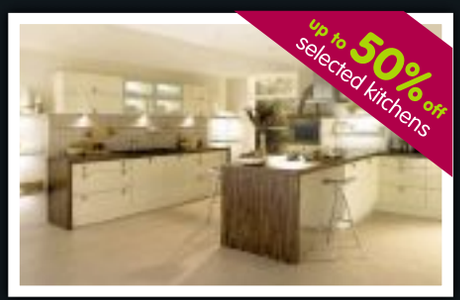

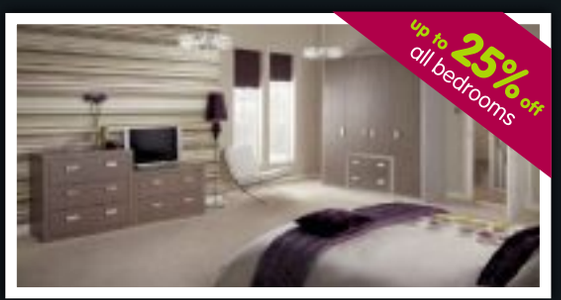

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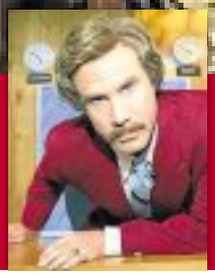

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Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues - 119 min (15)
Fri, Sat: 14:45, 17:40, 20:30, 23:15.
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Fri, Sat, Sun: 10:20, 12:30.
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The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D - 161 min (12A)
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Sun: 17:00, 20:30.
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WHAT'SONROUND-UP

Curtains still open to see Christmas pantos

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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It is almost closing time for Christmas pantos in Northampton, but there's still a few days left for the latecomers to catch them on their last days.

Sleeping Beauty, starring Linda Lusardi and Sam Kane, is at the Royal and Derngate until January 5, where the pair will join a superb cast to spin the magic in this unmissable production of the traditional fairytale.

A laugh-a-minute extravaganza, Sleeping Beauty will feature stunning sets, fabulous costumes and impressive 3D special effects.

Tickets for the show, from £18, can be snapped up at www.royalandderngate.co.uk, or from the box office on 01604 624811.

Also at the Royal and Derngate is The Wind in the Willows, starring Stuart Angell, Jennie Dale and Jack Edwards, which also ends on January 5.

In this show, the peace of the countryside is shattered as Toad takes to the open road and his new-found love of the motor-car leads him into endless trouble. Shy Mole, faithful Ratty and sensible old Badger then try to get their bombastic friend back onto the straight and narrow.

This nostalgic but lively adventure takes the four friends from the tranquil riverbank to the sinister Wild Wood and the battle for Toad Hall, meeting carol-singing field mice and wicked weasels along the way.

Tickets for this show start at £9.00 and again can be bought from either the Royal and Derngate website or box office.

Kettering's Lighthouse Theatre is showing the fairy tale of Snow White which will star TV personality Russell Grant. This classic pantomime finishes on January 5.

In this panto, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs attempt to defeat the Wicked Queen, but will Snow White meet her Handsome Prince and save the day?

Tickets can be purchased at www.lighthousetheatre.co.uk, or by contacting the box office on 01536 41 41 41.

The Castle Theatre will be showing Aladdin in January.

Exploring a new world

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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This multi-sensory delight for young audiences at the Underground of Royal & Derngate is about the magical journey of Mole in Along The Riverbank.

Mole ventures out of his underground home for the very first time to explore the riverbank and the world beyond.

When Mole meets Ratty he is swept along on an adventure which takes him from the river to the wild wood beyond.

The show runs until January 5, 2014, where you will be transported into the intoxicating world of The Wind In The Willows, brought to life with wonderful puppetry and live music. Tickets cost £7.50.

Waltz into the Strictly Shoes exhibition

Following weeks of Strictly Come Dancing taking over our TV sets, Northampton Museum and Art Gallery are running their latest exhibition, 'Strictly Shoes'.

The exhibition launched on October 5 and explores the history of ballroom and Latin dance as well as the social significance of dance in popular culture.

Since 2012 the museum has been collecting memorabilia, shoes, costumes, photographs and dance cards from local people, which features in the exhibition to help explore Northampton's dancing past and our love for ballroom dance.

Strictly Shoes is on display at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery until next Sunday. Opening times are Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 2pm to 5pm.

Admission is free to this exhibition, so you can waltz in and enjoy the displays.

WHAT'SONROUND-UP

Must-see family films over the festive period

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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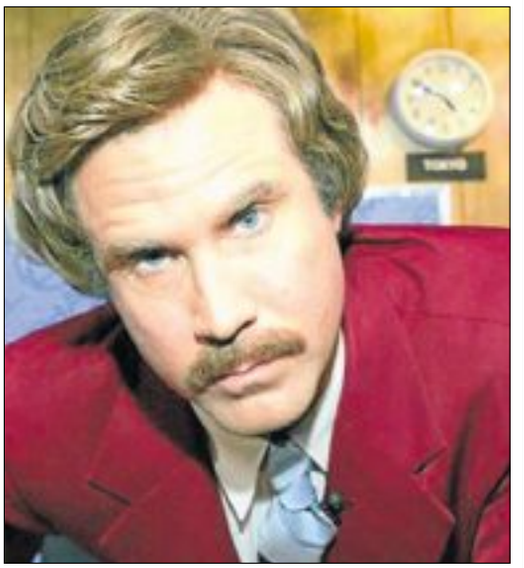

As the holidays come to an end, don't miss your chance to catch some great films at cinema's across the county.

At Vue Northampton, Anchorman 2 will be screening.

The Legend Continues sees the notorious newsman, Ron Burgundy, back where he belongs: in a newsroom.

To book tickets to this 15 rated film, which runs three shows in the afternoon, evening and night every day until January 9, visit www.myvue.com.

Also being shown at this cinema is The Hobbit - The Desolation of Smaug, which is also being shown in 3D.

This is said to be the most spectacular instalment in the series that takes in not only The Hobbit but Lord of the Rings.

It screens every day until January 9 at 12.20pm, 4.00pm and 7.30pm.

At Lings Forum Cinema, Free Birds will be screening from tomorrow.

In this hilarious, adventurous buddy comedy for audiences of all ages, two turkeys from opposite sides of the tracks must put aside their differences and team up to travel back in time to change the course of history - and get turkey off the Thanksgiving menu for good.

It screens from tomorrow at 2.30pm and repeats every day at the same time until Monday, January 6.

At the Errol Flynn Filmhouse, Philomena will be screening for one day only.

Philomena sees an Oscar-worthy Judi Dench play the titular character seeking out the illegitimate son taken from her when he was three whilst she served in an Irish convent.

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Last days for the King

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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This is the last weekend to see the replica model of King Richard III's head at the Northampton Museum and Art Gallery.

It has been on display for 10 weeks as been part of a limited-venue nationwide tour which shows people a life-like model head of a king of England who died over 500 years ago.

The replica was first revealed to the public in a Channel 4 documentary earlier this year, and was put on display at the museum on October 18, 2013.

The head was designed at the University of Dundee to offer the most accurate and life-like model of King Richard's head.

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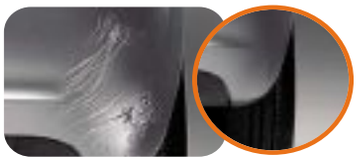

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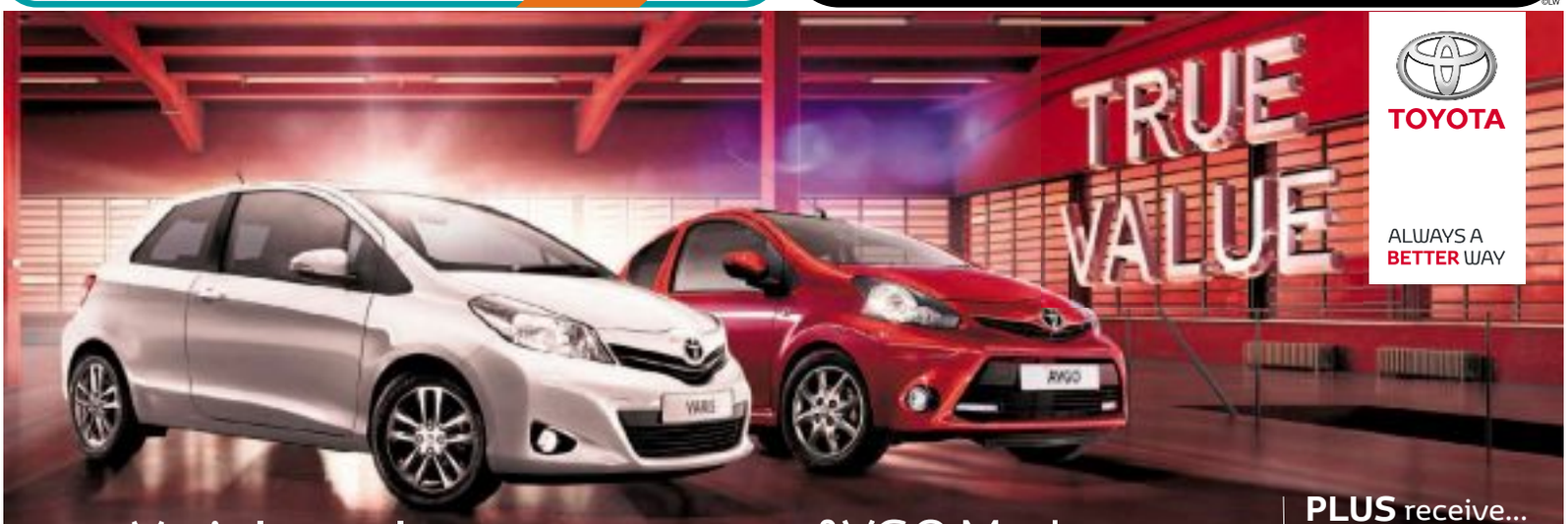

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THE M1 AND M45 MOTORWAYS (M1 JUNCTIONS 18 TO 16, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M1 and the M45 Motorways in the County of Northamptonshire to enable improvement and general maintenance works to be carried out.

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(1) impose a speed restriction of 50 miles per hour on the southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 2000 metres north of its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 18 to its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 16;
(2) close –
(a) the southbound carriageway of the M1 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 18 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 16;
(b) the eastbound carriageway of the M45 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 1 to its junction with the M1 (M1 Junction 17);
(c) the slip roads leading –
(i) to the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 18;
(ii) from the southbound carriageway of the M1 to Watford Gap Service Area, south of Junction 17;
(iii) to the southbound carriageway of the M1 from Watford Gap Service Area; and
(iv) from the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 16; and
(d) various lanes of the length of M1 described in (2)(a) above and allow vehicles to use the hardshoulder; and
(3) prohibit vehicles with an overall width exceeding 2 metres from entering or proceeding in lanes 2 or 3 of the lengths of motorway described in (2) (a) above.

The work is expected to start on Friday 24 January 2014 and continue for three months. The Order will come into force on Friday 17 January 2014. Full carriageway closures will be carried out overnight on Saturdays between 21:00 hours and 08:00 hours. The speed restriction, lane closures and width restriction will be in force twenty four hours a day during the works period.

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Diversion routes using either the A5 and A45 (for M1 traffic) or the A45 (for M45 traffic) will be well signed. Watford Gap Service Area will be accessible from the northbound carriageway of the M1

For further information, contact Adam Williams, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency on 01623 886659.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 15 TO JUNCTION 14, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

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(b) close the southbound carriageway of the M1 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 15 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 14; and
(c) close the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 15.

Work will be carried out overnight between 20:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 20th January 2014 and continue for twelve weeks. The speed restriction will be in force twenty four hours a day during the works period. The Order will come into force on 17 January 2014.

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For more information, please contact Mark Humpage, a Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01623 886554.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A45 AND A14 TRUNK ROADS (A45 JUNCTION 14, SOUTH OF WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A45 Trunk Road at Wellingborough in the County of Northamptonshire to allow barrier, street lighting and sign post renewal work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to –
1) to impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on the –
a) eastbound and westbound carriageways of the A45 between the centreline of the B573 Doddington Road overbridge at Miller Park and the centreline of the bridge over the railway at Knuston Lodge; and
b) slip roads -
i) leading to the eastbound carriageway of the A45 at Junction 14; and
ii) leading from the westbound carriageway of the A45 at Junction 14;
2) close the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the A45 between its roundabout junction with the A509 (Wilby Roundabout) and the centreline of the A5001 Ditchford Road Bridge; and
a) the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the A45 at Junction 14; and
b) lay-by –
i) adjacent to the eastbound carriageway of the A45 312 metres east of the centreline of the A509 London Road overbridge; and
ii) adjacent to the westbound carriageway of the A14 1.38 kilometres east of its roundabout junction with the A45 (Thrapston Junction)
c) cycle track adjacent to the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the A45 at Junction 14.

The work will be carried out over two and half months between 20.00 hours and 06.00 hours and is expected to start on Sunday 12 January 2014. The Order will come into force on Sunday 5 January 2014.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures.

Diversion routes via the A509, A14 and the A6 will be well signed. Local diversions will also be in operation. A temporary cycleway will be erected on the opposite side of the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the A45 at Junction 14.

For further enquiries please contact Jason Cheetham, a Project Sponsor on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01623 886586.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A43 TRUNK ROAD (TOWCESTER TO M1 JUNCTION 15A, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A43 Trunk Road, in the County of Northamptonshire, to allow resurfacing work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to-
1. impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on the northbound and southbound carriageway of the A43 from its junction with the southern roundabout at the A43/A5123 Dumbell Roundabout Junction (M1 J15a) to a point 3200 metres south of that roundabout; and
2. close at different times –
(a) lengths of the northbound and southbound carriageway of the A43 from its roundabout junction with the A5 at Towcester to its junction with the southern roundabout described in 1 above;
(b) the link road leading from the roundabout describe in 1 above to the roundabout junction of the access road to Rothersthorpe Services and the M1 northbound exit slip roads at Junction 15a;
(c) the gaps in the central reservation of the A43 situated –
(i) at its junction with the Tiffield Access Road;
(ii) at its junction with Northampton Road;
(iii) at its junction with St John's Road;
(iv) at its junction with Blisworth Road;
(d) any layby situated adjacent to the lengths of A43 described in (a) above.

The work will be carried out overnight between 20:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Sunday 1 December 2013 and continue for approximately six weeks. The laybys will be closed 24 hours per day during this period. The Order will come into force on 29 November 2013.

Vehicles being used by special forces will be exempt from the speed restriction. Vehicles being used by the emergency services will be exempt from the speed restriction and closures and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures. Diversion routes will be well signed. Access to property will be maintained at all times.

For further information, please contact Andrew Perry, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01536 419639.

Mike Lloyd, a Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (TOWCESTER TO WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road between Towcester and Weedon in the County of Northamptonshire, to allow resurfacing works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close –
(a) the northbound and southbound carriageways of the A5 between its roundabout junction with the A43 at Towcester and its junction with the A45 at Weedon; and
(b) any layby adjacent to the length of the A5 described in (a) above.
(c) (side road access)

The work will be carried out overnight between 20:00 hours and 06.00 and is expected to start on Monday 13 January 2014 and continue for three weeks. The order will come into force on 6 January 2013.

Vehicles being used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures. Diversion routes via either the A45, M1 and A43 or the A45, A500, A5076 and A43 (southbound traffic); and vice versa (northbound traffic) will be well signed. Access to property will be maintained at all times.

For further information please contact Mark Humpage, Project Sponsor on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01623 886555.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A45 TRUNK ROAD (JUNCTION 14, WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (SLIP ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A45 Trunk Road at Wellingborough in the County of Northamptonshire, to allow street lighting work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the A45 at junction 14 with its roundabout junction (Dumbbell Island) with the A509 (Turnells Mill Lane)

Work will be carried out over one night between 21:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Sunday 19 January 2014. The Order will come into force on Friday 17 January 2014.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closure. The diversion route is via the A45 westbound to turn around at Wilby Way roundabout.

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Mallinder pleased with composure

SAINTS

Northampton Saints director of rugby Jim Mallinder believes his side's refusal to panic proved key in their six-try demolition job on Bath at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday.

Saints found themselves 13-0 down after 15 minutes to a Bath side that arrived in the Midlands unbeaten in 11 in all competitions and hopeful of leagfrogging Northampton into second.

But Mallinder's men replied almost immediately, turning up the heat with a three-try blitz before the break as Christian Day, George Pisi and Jamie Elliott all dotted down.

Day helped himself to a second before Rob Webber hit back for Bath and Samu Manoa and Leroy Houston traded scores – George North's last-minute effort the icing on the cake for Saints.

All the while Stephen Myler kept his cool, kicking 13 points and landing six of his seven kicks and Mallinder was impressed by his side's composure.

"It was a very good game of rugby. We know Bath are a good side and they had gone 11 games unbeaten," said Mallinder.

"They are a quality side and they have improved as a team. They've got a big, heavy pack and some very exciting backs but we played well.

"We were shocked to go 13-0 down but we showed good composure and we played with a lot of accuracy, particularly in attack.

"Our attacking game was good and it caused us to score six tries, which is fantastic."

Bath have won plenty of admirers so far this season with some exciting talent out wide and some muscle in the pack but Mallinder revealed his side used that to their advantage.

He added: "The players did well, we did what we wanted to do. We talked about being aggressive, running at their midfield and looking at the short side.

"They've got some big players, good in the set-piece, but sometimes that creates opportunities. We took advantage of that."

Backs sign deals to stay at Saints

Five first team backs have put pen to paper on new contracts to stay with Saints at Franklin's Gardens.

Ben Foden, Lee Dickson, Luther Burrell, Ken Pisi and Jamie Elliott have all committed their rugby futures to Northampton.

Director of Rugby Jim Mallinder says that retaining this type of attacking talent is crucial if the club is to succeed in the future and challenge for silverware.

"We're delighted that all five players have signed new contracts with us," he said.

"They have all come a long way in their time with us and are recognised as being some of the best players in their positions in the country, and retaining all of them was one of our main priorities.

"It is important that we have a group of quality players who understand our culture and what we are trying to achieve, and Ben, Lee, Luther, Ken and Jamie all fit into that category."

WELSH WIZARD: George North begins the celebrations early as he prepares to touch down for his Saints try. Picture: Andy Kearns

Day's double helps Saints blow visitors Bath away

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Northampton Saints second row Christian Day helped himself to a double as Jim Mallinder's men outthought and outfought Bath in a six-try blitz at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday.

George Pisi, Jamie Elliott, Samu Manoa and George North also got in on the act as Saints made it six Premiership wins on the spin, comfortably prevailing in this second versus third clash ahead of hosting Harlequins on Friday.

Bath arrived at the Gardens on a run of 11 matches unbeaten and romped into a 13-0 lead but Saints cranked up the heat thereafter and their visitors simply couldn't live with them.

All the while Stephen Myler enhanced his claims to feature in Stuart Lancaster's forthcoming England squad with a consummate display at fly-half, kicking five conversions and a timely 75th-minute penalty.

Bath rallied late and Leroy Houston's 66th-minute score brought them to within eight points but Myler's three-pointer and North's try extinguished any hopes of a comeback.

With the match just a few minutes old there was a lengthy break in play as referee Luke Pearce was inadvertently clobbered by a Bath forward and forced off the field, bringing Martin Fox into the fray as the man in the middle.

His first act was to award a penalty – duly converted by George Ford – and Bath raced into an 8-0 lead on five minutes when Kyle Eastmond made the most of a break to dot down.

Ford added the extras before bisecting the posts with another penalty to give Bath a handsome led but things fell apart for the visitors when Paul James was sent to the sin bin on 18 minutes.

Day had his first score just two minutes later after hooker Dylan Hartley had sent the ball wide and Geroge Pisi, restored to the line-up after his ban, rounded off a nice build up on 28 minutes.

With Myler converting both Saints had edged in front and the hosts were rampant – Elliott the next to cross after a smart pass from Ken Pisi to Northampton in 21-13 up at the break.

Day had his second on 42 minutes in another power-packed move but back came Bath with a muscular try of their own, finished off by Rob Webber.

Ford couldn't convert however and Manoa appeared to make the game safe with Saints' five try, another imperious display of forward strength but Bath still weren't finished and reduced the arrears to 33-25 when Houston picked up from the base of the scrum and forced his way over.

Bath pressed for at least a bonus point but Myler's penalty gave Saints a cushion and North rounded off an excellent performance with try number six at the death.

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GOOD SHOWING: Chris Hackett was the stand out performer at Portsmouth

Comment: Cobblers fans see green shoots of hope over festive period

COBBLERS

BY TOM REED
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A good week has passed since Aidy Boothroyd was sacked, allowing Cobblers' fans to digest the news along with their Christmas turkey.

The interim period has seen former Swindon boss Andy King step up to caretaker manager, his first challenge being Burton Albion on Boxing Day and the task of organising a win in the brewery town.

Although Northampton came away from the Pirelli Stadium on the back of a one nil defeat, the Cobblers' performance offered a hint of light in a dark December while also drawing issues with previous manager Boothroyd into sharp focus.

Indeed, on googling Boothroyd's name, the first result that comes up is "long ball" and although fans were fine with a more direct approach when winning games they were not prepared to put up with such uncultured fare whilst bottom of the league.

Perhaps the bigger issue is that Boothroyd's brand of football was not getting the best out of his players.

The long ball game might encourage laziness in both thought and action when the easy option is a punt up field.

A good coach can surely tease out improvement in his players whereas apart from the centre backs and target men the Cobblers' more subtle players had gone backwards in the last months of Boothroyd's reign.

Chris Hackett looked a shadow of his former self, left back Joe Widdowson retreated into his shell whilst Kevin Amankwaah appeared terrified to cross the half way line.

Meanwhile young prospect Lewis Hornby has been injured for so long that it is possible to forget the technique that brought such excitement regarding his potential.

Yet, at Burton and later Portsmouth, like a winter thaw, green shoots of progress began to appear.

The recall of midfielder Ricky Ravenhill by Bradford did King no favours but Ben Tozer (himself brought back from Colchester) showed few signs of resentment with energetic central midfield displays that put him in line for two man-of-the-match awards.

At Burton, Tozer lined up alongside Gary Deegan and Darren Carter, the latter for whom it appeared there was no future at the club only a fortnight ago.

Although the former West Brom midfielder Carter didn't quite set the world alight, there were signs of a revival with a couple of through balls which hinted at a talent not yet realised at the Cobblers.

Hackett too looked revitalised on the right wing with his close control and perpetual readiness to turn his man.

In truth though, Hackett is wasted on the wing with few players in position to capitalise on his high and low crosses.

At the Pirelli, Izale McLeod ploughed a lone furrow on the left flank (before withdrawing injured) while Luke Norris too often found himself isolated outside the Burton box, bereft of support.

In many ways Gary Rowett's Albion are a model that the Cobblers could do well to follow both off the pitch with their bottom up approach which encapsulates tight financial planning and maximisation of turnover and on it with their superb training facilities and steady transfer policy.

The Brewers' superior forward line showed at times with decent link up play between hold-up man Billy Kee and nippy finisher Adam McGurk.

Burton had the luxury of bringing on Rene Howe late on whereas Northampton had to rely on a half fit Roy O'Donovan to replace McLeod

The sight of Howe again raises questions over whether Boothroyd ever signed a replacement for Akinfenwa and whether signing Bedford boy Howe would have been more sensible than a string of stop-gap loans.

Funnily enough, it wasn't a striker that won the game for Burton. Instead, centre back Ian Sharps rose strongly to head home from a Jimmy Phillips corner late on.

You'd have forgiven the Northampton players then for being dazed going into the Sunday game in front of 15,000 at Fratton Park.

More so given that the squad was more a vulture ravaged carcass than down to the bare bones with McLeod still injured and youth team players Ben Heath and Connor Roberts called to the bench.

But, as they had done against Fleetwood, the Cobblers raised their game on the big occasion

So too the fans, 700 of them from Northampton, perhaps inspired by the "proper football" feel of Fratton Park with its mock Tudor façade, looming stands, graffiti riddled alleys and razor wire.

Indeed, the Shoe Army, full of burgers and onions were in full voice from the off with their counterparts in the North Stand befuddled at the large Cobblers turn out.

One young Pompey loudmouth who had sat close to the Cobblers' support to give them grief soon wished he hadn't as his friend was turfed out before kick-off leaving him alone at the mercy of the wittier and more vocal types in the away end.

Perhaps Richie Barker's 11 were caught out too by a Northampton side that had thoughts beyond making up the numbers.

Whisper it quietly but Northampton can play football and perhaps so too can the likes of Gary Deegan who has been widely criticised in his short time at the club.

Deegan, with more support from the likes of Tozer and Matty Harriot, began to influence the game from a variety of angles, switching the play nicely and getting stuck in with well-timed tackles.

Meanwhile, the aforementioned Harriot, unwrapped from whatever dusty box Boothroyd had been keeping him in, provided link- up play of a higher standard than you might expect from someone so long discarded.

Pompey, still in a period of transition after being taken over by their supporters, were no great shakes but on a man-to-man level, the Cobblers provided the better performances

Chris Hackett was the best player on the pitch and showed an ability to travel with the ball and vent pressure that would be welcomed by clubs a league higher.

Over at right back, Amankwaah had gotten over the altitude sickness of crossing the half way line and clearly liked it, completing several surging runs and overlapping Hackett.

Credit must go too, to young forward David Moyo who was forced to take the field after Norris took a whack.

Nineteen year old Moyo had appeared second choice of Northampton's two young strikers behind Ivan Toney during Boothroyd's time yet there he was running riot in front of the partisan Fratton End.

Moyo could conceivably have been playing for Stamford against Droylsden on Sunday if King hadn't recalled him from his loan at the Evostick Premier side and this would of course prevented him from nearly clinching the game for Northampton when brought down when clear with only minutes remaining.

Perplexingly referee Gavin Ward refused to blow for a foul and a red card for last man Bradley.

But Northampton couldn't be denied a precious point at Pompey. Perhaps with a new manager, in a couple of years we will see passing football at a redeveloped Sixfields? We live in hope, which, given the brightness of Northampton's showing on the South Coast is not unfounded.

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Who's next, David?

IN HAPPIER TIMES: Cobblers chairman David Cardoza at Aidy Boothroyd's unveiling

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Cobblers chairman David Cardoza has said that his shortlist for a new manager at Sixfields has been whittled down 'to a few names'.

Andy King has been in charge of the last two games in a caretaker capacity following the sacking of Aidy Boothroyd, with Cardoza insisting that the appointment of the new man must not be rushed.

Northampton are bottom of League Two and whoever is given the reins will be tasked with preserving the club's Football League status.

Former Cobblers midfielder Chris Hargreaves, a coach at AFC Bournemouth, is now favourite for the position, with ex-Gillingham boss Martin Allen, Nuneaton's Kevin Wilkin and King, who would like the job, also in the frame.

"We know there is an urgency around the situation, but likewise we are performing a thorough and detailed process to make sure we get the right man for the job," said Cardoza, who has been abroad.

"It is not a decision that can be rushed and we are fortunate that we have Andy King to guide us through this busy interim period.

"We understand how important this appointment is, given our league position. We also know that we cannot rush a decision now, we must take our time and get it right.

"A lot is happening behind the scenes, all day, every day. We have narrowed our search down to a few names. We are talking to a lot of people inside the game, seeking their opinion and advice and making sure we do our homework to identify the right candidate. Now more than ever we need the backing of our fans and I would like to thank them again for their support.

"Thirteen of our final 23 games are at home, and the backing of the supporters at Sixfields will be crucial for us in the second half of the season."

King, who was denied a chance to further stake a claim for the job full-time when the New Year's Day fixture at home to Chesterfield fell victim to a waterlogged pitch, has been allowed to strengthen the squad by Cardoza while the search for a permanent manager continues.

The Cobblers have been hit by injuries, suspensions and loan recalls and King has responded by securing the addition of two strikers on one month loan deals.

Everton's Hallam Hope and Gillingham's Antonio German have both arrived at Sixfields while another loaned forward, Izale McLeod, has become the latest player to return to his parent club after an injury forced him back to MK Dons early.

Hope, 19, joined Everton from Manchester City in 2005 and was handed a two year professional contract at Goodison Park in September.

The England youth international made his first appearance for the young Three Lions in the Victory Shield in October 2009, and scored twice for his country in the 3-1 win over Ukraine in France's Montaigu Tournament in March 2010.

During the 2010/11 campaign, he was a key player as Everton charged to the national academy title and he was rewarded with a reserve-team breakthrough the following campaign.

Meanwhile, 22-year-old German came through the ranks at QPR before joining the Gills last summer.

After turning professional with the R's in 2009, he went on to score three times in 20 first team appearances, as well as spending time on loan at Aldershot, Southend and Yeovil. He left Loftus Road in 2011 and played for Stockport County and Bromley before joining Brentford on an 18 month deal in January 2012.

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